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Pennsylvania Cracks Down on Fracking Trucks

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The state of Pennsylvania is cracking down on the trucks that haul waste water from **hydraulic fracturing, or fracking**, operations. According to the Pennsylvania State Police, 1,135 trucks were inspected during "Operation FracNET," which was conducted September 27-29.

Of those, 208 trucks were forced out of service during the three-day enforcement effort, which focused on commercial vehicles hauling waste water from Marcellus shale natural gas drilling operations. In addition to placing vehicles out of service, state police also issued 959 citations and placed 64 drivers out of service. Common violations included trucks that exceeded weight limits or had leaking tankers, improperly adjusted brakes or unsecured equipment. [Continue »](#)

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Study Points to Another Proton Pump Inhibitor Side Effect

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Yet another study is linking the popular heart burn drugs known as **proton pump inhibitors** to a serious side effect. In a study presented at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) 2010 Scientific Assembly, a team of researchers from Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend, Indiana said they found a correlation between increased prescribing of proton pump inhibitors and incidents of Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD).

To reach their conclusions, the research team collected information on the number of antibiotic prescriptions ordered at the hospital between 2000 and 2009, as well as the number of proton pump inhibitor prescriptions ordered, the number of cases of CDAD indicating C difficile-associated disease, and the number of inpatient admissions during the same time period. [Continue »](#)

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Defense, Other Plaintiffs Propose Alternate Venues for DePuy ASR Hip Implant Litigation

Date Published: October 5th, 2010

We have some more news to report about efforts to have **DePuy ASR hip implant lawsuits** consolidated in one federal court. It seems that attorneys for plaintiffs and DePuy Orthopaedics are not in agreement as to where those lawsuits should be consolidated. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation is expected to hear oral arguments on the matter on November 18, when it convenes at Duke University in South Carolina.

Last month, some plaintiffs' attorneys petitioned the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to consolidate federal DePuy ASR hip implant lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey before Judge Susan D. Wigenton. But in its response to that motion, DePuy says the selection of Judge Wigenton would be inappropriate because she is already overseeing litigation involving another hip implant, the Zimmer Durom Cup. DePuy maintains that could cause confusion and unintended prejudice to all parties. Instead, DePuy wants ASR hip implant lawsuits consolidated in either the Northern District of Indiana at South Bend or the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo; both of which are near DePuy's Warsaw, Indiana, headquarters. [Continue »](#)

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Bank of America Foreclosures in Question

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Yet another bank is delaying foreclosures because of improperly prepared paperwork. Bank of America is instituting the delays in 23 states, following similar action by **GMAC Mortgage** and JP Morgan Chase.

The states affected all require that foreclosures go through their courts. Laws in those states require that a bank official attest that they have read the documents and verified the information, and then sign it in the presence of a notary public. **Continue »**

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BP Texas City Refinery Clean Air Act Violations Nets Record Penalty

Date Published: October 1st, 2010

BP has agreed to pay a record penalty – \$15 million – for pollution violations at its **Texas City, Texas refinery**. According to a press release from the Department of Justice, the penalty is both the largest ever assessed for civil violations of the federal Clean Air Act's chemical accident prevention regulations, also known as the risk management program regulations, and the largest civil penalty recovered for Clean Air Act violations at an individual facility.

The settlement addresses violations stemming from two fires that occurred at the BP Texas City refinery in March 2004 and July 2005, and a leak that occurred in August 2005. During the three incidents, each of which resulted in the surrounding Texas City community being ordered to shelter-in-place, thousands of pounds of flammable and toxic air pollutants were released. The settlement also resolves allegations that BP failed to identify all regulated hazardous air pollutants used at the refinery in plans submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Continue »**

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Another Mortgage Lender Cops to Foreclosure Problems

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For the second time this month, a lender is suspending home foreclosures because of problems with legal procedures. The move by JP Morgan Chase impacts 56,000 foreclosures in 23 states where home seizures require a court order.

Earlier this month, **GMAC Mortgage** – the nation's fourth largest home loan lender – announced a similar move. The company issued a two-page "urgent" memo dated September 17 telling brokers to immediately stop evictions, cash-for-key transactions, lockouts and to suspend sales of properties already taken back by the bank in foreclosure in the same 23 states. GMAC also began withdrawing affidavits in pending court cases. **Continue »**

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DePuy ASR Hip Replacement Lawsuit Filed in Ohio

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Yet another lawsuit has been filed in relation to the **DePuy ASR hip implant recall**, this time in Ohio. The lawsuit seeks class action status on behalf of all US citizens who received an implant of the **DePuy ASR XL Acetabular System hip replacement**.

Recent data from the National Joint Registry of England and Wales showed that 1 out of every 8 patients (12%-13%) who had received the recalled devices had to undergo revision surgery within five years of receiving it. That report prompted DePuy to issue a worldwide recall of the he ASR XL

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Acetabular System, a hip socket used in traditional hip replacement, and the ASR Hip Resurfacing System, a partial hip replacement that involves placing a metal cap on the ball of the femur. Only the ASR XL Acetabular System was approved for use in the US. [Continue »](#)

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Segway Company Owner Dies During Test Drive of New Model

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Just a few days after a new study reported that [Segway injuries](#) are on the rise, news has broken that the owner of the company that makes the popular scooters has died in a Segway accident.

Since their introduction in 2001, Segways have been used as transportation for police departments, military bases, warehouses, corporate campuses or industrial sites. They have also become a popular mode of transportation for tourist wishing to sightsee, and Segway tour companies have popped up in numerous locations throughout the US. In most cases, such tours mark the first time a person has used a Segway. Often, the instruction provided by the tour company is inadequate, and often leads to Segway injuries. [Continue »](#)

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FDA Finally Takes Action on Avandia

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Finally, the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has made its long-awaited decision on [Avandia](#). It's not yanking Avandia from the market, but the agency is making the controversial diabetes drug more difficult to get.

Under new restrictions announced today, patients in the US will only have access to Avandia if they and their doctors attest that they have tried every other diabetes medicine and that patients have been made aware of Avandia's cardiac side effects. The restrictions also apply to Avandamet and Avandaryl. [Continue »](#)

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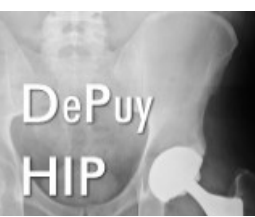
How long did Johnson & Johnson's DePuy Orthopaedics unit know about problems with its ASR hip implant system? Would you believe about three years before it finally issued a recall of the [defective DePuy ASR hip implant](#) this past August?

Sadly, that's true according to a report from the UK-based Independent. The newspaper is reporting that starting in 2007, the Australian Joint Registry – the second largest such registry in the world – issued seven reports to DePuy that identified problems with the hip implant system. The ASR system was finally withdrawn from the Australian market in December 2009. [Continue »](#)

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